

Manhattan Hill



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Editor's Note: This is the second installment of the 8 Wonders of Manhattan running in the Collegian over the summer. A new wonder will be on each front

Manhattan Hill is not hard to spot. It's the hill on the east side of town, the one with MANHATTAN in white, stone letters on the side of it. To get to this landmark, head toward Manhattan Town Center on Anderson Avenue and take a left on Juliette Avenue. Then follow up the hill and take the right on Bluemont Drive, past a few driveways to what is officially called Bluemont Scenic Overlook.

The city and local tourism websites describe it this way:

'The overlook, a city-owned area used for domestic water storage, offers a panoramic view of the original plot of the Manhattan community. To the west, a good portion of the K-State campus can also be seen. If you are out exploring the community, Bluemont Park is a must see. The overlook provides beautiful views of the Manhattan landscape, as well as a great place to enjoy lunch. There are several tables throughout the area, with ample parking just a

few feet away." The view is amazing.

But the most interesting part of this wonder of Manhattan is what is not officially part of the park. A smiling, red face is painted on a large concrete pillar in the corner of a huge concrete pad located at the top of the hill. Some folks around town tell tales of wild parties and rituals occurring here. Broken glass and spray-painted graffiti add to the ambience of the locale.

Beyond the concrete pad, the entire area is filled with trails and hidden spots within the rocks and trees, making this a wonder worth visiting.

DOUBLE WIN

Track and field brings home 2 NCAA titles

staff report

DES MOINES, Iowa — Friday brought more rain to the NCAA Track & Field Championships, but more importantly it brought two national championships for the K-State Wildcats. Ryann Krais and Erik Kynard became the latest Wildcats to be the best at the biggest college meet of the year. Krais dominated the women's heptathlon, claiming the lead after the second event on Thursday and never relinquishing it. Kynard flew higher than any of his competition to win the fourth outdoor men's high jump NCAA title in school history.

The last time K-State won a national championship on the men's and women's side was 1986 when Kenny Harrison won the men's triple jump and Rita Graves won the women's high jump. K-State head coach Cliff Rovelto said he was excited for his two champions and how they performed on the big

stage.
"What Ryann did was remarkable. She is such a competitor," Rovelto said. "I was impressed with how Erik competed and handled himself. Honestly, I don't think he jumped as well as I thought he was ready to jump, which says a lot, I guess, for how far he has come."

Krais entered the day with the challenging task of doubling up in two of the most grueling events in track and field as she had the final three events of the heptathlon to go along with running the final in the women's 400-meter hurdles. The hurdles final came after the javelin and just an hour before running the 800 meters to close the heptathlon.

After posting the third-fastest time in the semifinals Wednesday, Krais bolted out to the early lead in the hurdles and led until the final straight-away. She was passed by Miami's Ti'erra Brown and UCLA's Turquoise Thompson caught her at the finish line to give Krais the third place finish in 55.89 seconds.

Krais then left the field behind her in the heptathlon 800 meters right out of the gates blazing through the first 200 meters. She clocked in at an impressive 2:12.63 to just miss out on her goal of scoring 6,000 points in the heptathlon. Krais claimed the third NCAA



K-State's Erik Kynard competes in the men's high jump during the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa on June 10, 2011.

women's heptathlon title in K-State history with the dominant victory of 5,961 points.

"I feel so good right now," Krais said after earning her team 16 points with her performances. "The trainers have been doing everything for me. I feel bad because I think I'm making them do more running than myself. It's just been awesome — an awesome experience."

"Again, my biggest goal here was to come and break 6,000. I didn't do that and I'm going to say probably because of the javelin, but you're never going to have seven great events. If you do, you are one lucky kid."

Kynard shined even in the steady rain that fell throughout most of the high jump competition. Following a brief weather delay, the field quickly began to fall before it was only Kynard and Ricky Robertson of Ole Miss. The pair came into the meet ranked first and second, respectively, and put on a good show for the fans.

The two were the o n l y

jumpers to clear 7-3.75, each doing so on their first attempts. Then, Kynard jumped 7-5.00 on his first leap. Robertson struggled but was able to get over the bar on his third and final chance. After Kynard cleared 7-6.00 on his second attempt, Robertson failed to get over the bar and Kynard became the latest Wildcat to bring a title back to high jump.

"I finished sixth last year, so that in itself was a lot of motivation coming into this meet," Kynard said. "I worked hard, but I wasn't very happy with how I jumped today. I've been very consistent throughout the

TRACE ZINAV K-State's **Ryann Krais** competes in the 400m hurdles at **Drake University**

on June 10.

season, but it was very slick out there today and that made it a bit more difficult. I told coach I was going to blow up every bar today, and I did that until I got to 2.29 meters. That was my first miss of the day, but I blew it up after that."

Due to inclement weather Thursday evening, the final two events of the decathlon were pushed back to a third day of competition along with the final heat of the women's 4x400 relay semifinals, all of the men's 4x400 and the men's 10,000 meters. The men's long jump also was halted with four jumpers left to take their final attempt of the finals.

Moritz Cleve made his final two

throws in the javelin and improved on his first throw of the day to come up just one centimeter short of his personal best at 56.09 meters (184-00) for 679 points. The throw held him in eighth place going into the final event of the competition. Cleve was running against the clock to

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K-STATE'S FINAL RESULTS

Men's Team t-16th (16 pts) Men's 100m 22nd: Martynas Jurgilas Men's 4x100 Relay 14th: Mantas Silkauskas-Jeffrey Julmis-Jason Coniglio-Martynas Jurgilas

Men's 110m Hurdles 4th: Jeffrey Julmis (5 pts) Decathlon 8th: Moritz Cleve (1 pt)

High Jump 1st: Erik Kynard (10 pts) Women's Team

13th (19 pts) Women's 800m 14th: Boglarka Bozzay Women's 3000m Steeplechase 10th: Martina Tresch Women's Long Jump 6th: Nina Kokot (3 pts) Women's 400m Hurdles 3rd: Ryann Krais (6 pts) Heptathlon 1st: Ryann Krais (10 pts)





K-STATE

Indirect fire kills 5 Fort Riley soldiers in Iraq during first deployment

Top Left: Emilio Campo, 20, of Madelia, Minn., was a combat

medic. He joined the Army in July 2009. Top Middle: Michael

Cook, 27, of Middletown, Ohio, was a field artillery tactical data

systems operator who joined the Army in October 2009. He has

Christopher Fishbeck, 24, of Victorville, Calif., was a field artillery

2009. He has been posthumously promoted to the rank of special-

ist. Bottom Left: Robert Hartwick, 20, of Rockbridge, Ohio, was a

combat medic. He joined the Army in June 2009. **Bottom Right:**

systems operator who joined the Army in January 2010.

Michael Olivieri, 26, of Chicago, Ill., was a field artillery tactical data

tactical data systems operator who joined the Army in October

been posthumously promoted to the rank of specialist. **Top Right:**

news editor, opinion editor

Five soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division were killed in action June 6, when insurgents launched an indirect fire attack on their base in Iraq according to a press release

issued by Fort Riley.

The soldiers killed were Spc. Emilio Campo, Pfc. Michael Cook, Pfc. Christopher Fishbeck, Spc. Robert Hartwick and Pfc. Michael Olivieri, all assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. The soldiers were were on their first deployment to Iraq as part of Operation New Dawn. They had been there since November.

This was the first deployment for all five killed.

deadliest days for soldiers assigned to Fort Riley since the war in Iraq began in 2003.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of these young heroes and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families," said their battalion commander, Lt. Col. Andrew Gainey. "They were all outstanding soldiers, outstanding people and most importantly, our good friends."

The news came as the 1st Infantry Division celebrated its 94th anniversary of continuous service June 8. Soldiers stood at attention in period military uniforms representing the different campaigns in which the division has served as part of the celebration activities.

The Big Red One was organized on June 8, 1917 and is the oldest continually operating division in the U.S. Army. Known initially as "The Fighting First" in World War I, the red number one on their uniform sleeves earned them the nickname "The Big Red One" during World War II, a nickname that is still proudly used today. The U.S. Army celebrated its 142nd birthday





























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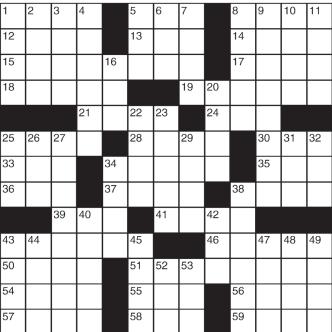
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Lauren Fairweather - The Whomping Willows Manhattan Public Library 6:30 p.m.

Wizard Rock Concert "Harry Potter"-Themed Rock Concert

Manhattan Public Library 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

¶්ල් Thursday

Joint City Commission Meeting (Riley & Pottawatomie Counties) Discussion on recent flooding and planning for future floods; health department governance and budget Riley County Commission Room 4 p.m.

17 Friday

Stars of the Prairie Quilt Show 2011 (\$3)

First Presbyterian Church noon - 6 p.m.

Gospel Fest A free festival of gospel music in connection with Manhattan's

Juneteenth Celebration Manhattan City Park 7 - 10 p.m. Juneteenth Movie: "The Wiz"

Larry Norvell Band Shell Motown Remake of "The Wizard of Manhattan City Park 9:30 p.m.

Saturday

Flint Hills Farmers Market Staples-Hobby Lobby Parking Lot 8 a.m.

Downtown Farmers Market Fifth Street and Humboldt Street 8 a.m.

Riley County Pre-Fair

Riley County Fairgrounds 9 a.m. Juneteenth Parade

Manhattan Town Center to Douglas Park 10 a.m.

Garden Tour KSU Gardens 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Stars of the Prairie Quilt Show 2011 (\$3) First Presbyterian Church 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

> 19 Sunday

Father's Day at Sunset Zoo Dads get in free with paid child admission Sunset Zoo 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Engineering instructor: Teams 'mimic industry' in competitions

Rachel Spicer editor-in-chief

Editor's Note: All photos are courtesy of the design teams. For more information on the design teams see the departmental websites.

Every year design teams from the College of Engineering travel to compete across the nation. These teams are led by K-State students and advised by professors, alumni and practicing engineers. Rules change from year to year

and each team raises money through sponsorships, fundraisers and donations to build, travel and compete. Students gain hands-on experience with planning, budgeting, team work, problem solving and designing through these various teams.

"I worked in industry for several years," said Edwin Brokesh, instructor of biological and agricultural engineering and quarter scale tractor adviser, "and the truth is they really mimic industry."



ASABE Fountain Wars

Department: Biological and Agricultural Engineering Competition Results: Competing Aug. 7 and 8 at the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers International

Meeting Objective: Fountains have two main competition parts, starting with a 90 second aesthetic period where teams can program the fountain to perform any tasks and patterns they wish. The second portion consists of two technical many times as possible around the edge of the pool in three minutes, with the horse completing an eight-inch jump. Secondly, a beach ball must be launched into a basket located six feet from the pools' edge. This basket may be placed in any direction around the fountain as long as it meets the distance requirement. The 6-foot diameter, 15-inch high pool remains the same every year, and the entire fountain must be powered by one 14 amp power source in the pool.

Quarter Scale Tractor

Department: Biological and Agricultural Engineering Competition Results: 2011 1/4 Scale Tractor International Student Design Competition

A Team, first overall X Team, second overall

Objective: The quarter scale tractor team actually consists of two teams. One, the X Team, is composed of mostly freshmen who are new to the team and they work on modifying the previous year's tractor for the X Team competition. The second team is the A Team, which is composed of more experienced members. This team builds the tractor from scratch. Each year the team is provided with a motor and oc-



casionally drive tires, along with specifications for weight constraints, dimensional constraints and the rules for the overall competition. The teams are judged based on

design, sound, maneuverability, oral presentation, written report and pulls, and can gain extra points by meeting tech-

nical requirements. For pulls, tractors drag a

California

SAE Formula Car

Department: Mechanical

Engineering Competition: Competing

Objective: Teams design

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day at the Formula SAE

a prototype, formula style, vehicle intended

for non-professional

weekend competition market. The vehicles

sled down a dirt track, and the further down the track they go, the more resistance the sled gives against the tractor until the tractor breaks, kills the engine or loses traction. The tractor specifications, weight for pulls, and how the hitch is connected to the sled changes every year, and different angles change how weight is transferred through the tractor. Parts from previous tractors are reused to keep cost down.

"(The results) kind of surprised me a little bit," said Doug Grollmes, senior in biological and agricultural engineering and A team captain. "When we came out on top I was pretty happy, I knew we had a reliable machine and that's what I was looking for."

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task is to move a horse as

AIChem-E-Car

Department: Chemical Engineering

Competition Results: American Institute of Chemical Engineers Mid-America Regional Conference, fifth in distance competition

Objective: The competition is comprised of a poster competition as well as a Chem-E-Car performance competition. The object of the car competition is to build a small, non-manned vehicle that is powered purely by chemical reactions. The cars must travel a specified distance, stopping as close as possible to the "finish line" while carrying a pre-determined load. Teams are not given the exact load or distance, just a range to prepare for. Chemicals available for reactions are



restricted and no outside sources, such as a batteries, are allowed. The vehicles must be completely autonomous and meet size requirements.

must pass technical requirements as well as

SAE Mini Baja Car Department: Mechanical Engineering (Manhattan Campus), Mechanical Engineering Technology (Salina Campus)

Competition **Results:** Baja Society of Automotive Engineers East Competition

• Manhattan team 'Wet Willies,' 18th overall · Baja Society of Auto-

motive Engineers Mid-

Salina team 'Baja

west Competition
• Manhattan team 'Wildcat Offroad,' 54th overall

Salina,' 24th overall Objective: The mini baja car is a single-seat, allterrain, sporting vehicle designed as a prototype

tion, cost and manufacturing, presentation and design. Dynamic events include acceleration, skid pad (measures cornering ability on flat surface with a constant radius turn), autocross (measures maneuverability and handling qualities), fuel economy and endur-

for a recreational user. They are given specifications for general design requirements including type of engine, electrical system, drive systems and safety equipment. The car must pass a set of static and dynamic events. Static events include a design report, design evaluation, cost report, prototype cost and pre-Dynamic sentation. events include acceleration, hill climb/traction, land maneuverability, water maneuverability, rock crawl, suspension and endurance. The dynamic event scores comprise most of the overall

score, with endurance

consisting of 400 of the

total 1,000 points.

ASABE Robotics

Department: Biological and Agricultural Engineering Competition Results: Competing Aug. 9 at the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

International Meeting Objective: The robots must follow a crop 'line' made out of broom bristles while laying two kernels of coffee grounds per centimeter on a 2-inch wide piece of tape located a set distance from

the crop. The robot is not allowed to use the yellow tape as a guide, instead it must follow the crop line. Overall score is based on elegance of design, speed of task completion, oral presentation and written report. The size of vehicle is restricted and changes in environment, such as amount of light, can greatly affect how different types of sensors work. K-State has won every year since beginning the team



SAE AERO DESIGN

Department: Mechanical Engineering Competition Results: Society of Automotive Engineers Aero Design West, Second overall, regular class • Society of Automotive Engineers

Aero Design East, 14th overall, regular Objective: The aero design competition

is split into three categories: micro class, regular class and advanced class. K-State chose the regular class which builds an aircraft that can lift as much weight as possible while meeting power, length, width and height requirements. The competition is composed of three main parts, a technical report, technical presentation and inspection and flight competition. The remote controlled aircraft cannot exceed 55 pounds with payload and fuel. The flight competition is scored on raw weight lifted, team's prediction of aircraft's maximum lifting capacity, operational availability and any penalty points accrued.

IEEE ROBOTICS

Department: Electrical and Computer Engineering Competition Results: Califor-

nia Micromouse, sixth overall Objective: Teams are tasked to build an autonomous robotic "mouse" that negotiates a maze of standard dimensions from a specified corner to its center in the shortest time. The mouse must remain within the walls and on the floor of the maze, is restricted by its overall dimensions and must complete the maze intact. Before competing, teams must give a brief overview of the construction of the robot. The floor of the maze is black, wall sides are white and wall tops are red so the robots may opt to use them to help navigate. A maximum of ten minutes is allotted to each mouse to complete the maze.

ASCE CONCRETE CANOE

Department: Civil Engineering Competition Results: Mid-Continent Conference Regional, second overall

Objective: Concrete canoe is comprised of four main parts; design paper, oral presentations, final product

(including overall display) and five races. Each category is equally weighted in the overall score. The concrete mixes are limited by the type of materials teams are able to use. The mix must meet several requirements, including passing the swamp tank

test where the canoe is completely submerged and must float up to break the plane of the water. Canoes are reinforced with various materials within specifications as long as sufficient area is allowed for the concrete on either side to bond.

ASCE STEEL BRIDGE

Department: Civil Engineering Competition Results: Mid-Continent

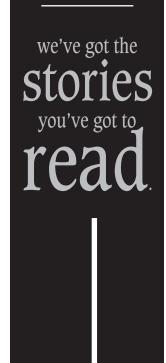
Conference Regional, first overall · National Student Steel Bridge Competition, 25th overall

Objective: Steel bridge is a one-tenth scale bridge built entirely out of steel designed to be a bid for a theoretical construction project. The rules restrict individual member size, how the members connect and how the bridge is built. The bridge is laid out in a 'staging' yard then timed during construction over a 'river.' Team members run pieces from the staging yard to the members restricted to working in the river where it is constructed. Bridges are judged on aesthetics, construction speed, deflection, construction economy (cost), structural efficiency (cost) and lightness. The overall performance is the sum of the construction and struc-

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Katherine Kramer Evan Meyer Shawnee Mission West HS

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able to talk to my

parents everyday."

"It'll be hard not being "It'll take a little time for me to adjust."

> **Chase Woofter Shawnee Mission** East HS

"I guess it's going to give me an opportunity to be independent. A chance to live on my own."

> **Chris Bradley** Mill Valley HS

"It'll be different. "It'll be my first time being off on my own. I'm going to miss my classmates and Learning to deal with my family." everything on my own."

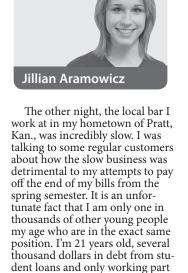
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HIGH-PRICED HALLS

School harder to pay for, money spent on classes not always worth it



the amount I have to eventually I believe my continued education is a vital part of my life plan. I know that I need to get my degree, but at some level one must wonder: why is college so expensive and is the high cost really necessary?

time, at best, barely puts a dent in

Throughout my time as a college student, I have felt that my capacity to learn has increased and I have expanded my horizons in many areas. But for every useful class I pay for, there is another one that feels like a complete waste of time and money. According to the K-State website, a credit hour at the university costs \$222.40 for a Kansas resident. Maybe the 40 cents goes to supply all the chalk that is

constantly scrawled across the those students who applied for sidewalk informing me of things federal aid in the 2007-2008 I do not want to participate in. school year, 86 percent ended up For out-of-state students, the cost borrowing money to finance their jumps to \$590.00, more than twice education. The average cumulative debt for a graduating student was the cost for a native Kansan. At least they get to keep the change. nearly \$24,000 and the Parent Plus For a price that steep, it is no loans account for an additional wonder that most students enroll-\$23,000. The same study also states that since 2003, student debt ing in college cannot possibly pay for all their classes without has increased approximately 5.6 the aid of a parent or loan unless percent per year. they have earned scholarships

Unfortunately, as the cost of college rises, it is becoming more difficult

for students to catch up simply by working part time during the school year or full time during the summer. According to economist Heather Boushey in the Jan. 22, 2006, USA Today article, Students Suffocate Under Tens of Thousands in Loans," a student working a full-time, minimum wage summer job in 1981 could pay off nearly two-thirds of their annual college expense. By 2006, when the study was conducted, a student would have to work full time for an entire year to pay for one year of school and, accord-

ing to Boushey, that is only if the student saved every as rates continue to climb by the year, the timeframe only gets longer for young people trying to make ends meet.

single cent they made. And

enjoy working toward my goal of getting my degree, but on occasion I feel that the money I'm spending has not been allocated to the greater good of my education. One of the most frustrating issues I find with all of these statistics is that I know I'm paying for all these classes, but frankly, I don't always feel all my classes are worth it. For instance, instructors who I can't understand due to language barriers are frustrating. Graduate students who are more wrapped up in getting off campus than making sure the students know what they are doing are frustrating. Professors who simply do not answer their emails are frustrating. It is problems like these that make me wonder why I have to pay so much money for something that is supposed to be preparing me for my future and career. It is already June and I am still waiting on a response as to why there is only one grade entered for the entire semester in one of my classes.

Earlier I mentioned how I

Unfortunately, the cost of college is probably not going to decrease any time in the near future. As far as I am concerned, the best solution for young people like me is to work as hard as you can when you can, make every grade count and keep the faith that some day your degree and career will pay for the cost of getting to that point in the first place.

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Coverage of Palin's tour bus, eating habits shows media's incompetence

Illustration by Jillian Aramowicz



Until Senator John McCain announced her as his vice presidential nominee, very few people were familiar with Sarah Palin, who was then the governor of Alaska. Now, of course, she is no longer the governor, but we also can't seem to get away from her. Much like Lindsay Lohan or Paris Hilton, she seems to have become famous merely for

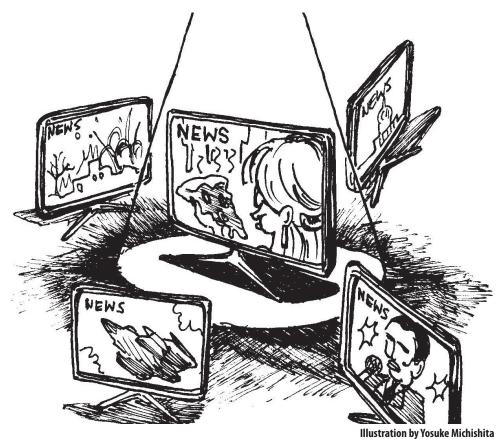
being famous. After the Watergate scandal in the Nixon administration, people began to add the term gate" after scandals in order to highlight the abuse of power involved in the events. This usually only applies to government officials, but I think we should apply it to the media as well. If they choose to cover meaningless events in order to curry favor with public figures like Palin, that's an abuse of

News channels may run 24/7, but that means they still only have 24 hours in a day. There is already much more than 24 hours worth of news in a given day, why waste any on someone who doesn't even hold public office? The media coverage surrounding Palin has become ridiculous.

This has been reinforced recently by the release of many of her emails from her tenure as governor and the sensational news coverage their release generated. "Emailgate" is fascinating because, so far, the emails haven't been particularly notable and, quite frankly, why should they be? Many of them are censored, a great number of them have been withheld and, on top of all of that, the only emails released are the ones from her official account, which was not the account she always used. There's no particular reason that any of this should be newsworthy, yet it's all still getting plenty of coverage.

There was also what I'm referring to as "tourbusgate," which was perhaps even more ridiculous than "emailgate." While "emailgate" at least had the potential to reveal something interesting about a public official, "tourbusgate" consisted of the media following Sarah Palin around as she rode on a bus to historic sites for no apparent reason. Was it to drum up support for a presidential

run? Does anyone care? I'd be curious to see which got more coverage in the news — Palin's pizzafest with Donald Trump or Newt Gingrich's presidential campaign imploding. I have a feeling that the answer will be



a disappointing one for anyone who cares about the coming

election. With unemployment as high as it is, a climbing deficit, unstable gas prices and global conflicts and disasters that are literally killing millions of people, is "tourbusgate" really

worth covering? Does the fact that Palin had pizza in New York really matter? Of course

The point of this article is not to make a comment on whether or not Sarah Palin is qualified to hold public office — I'll let the American

dialogue; let her participate in the debates. Until then, however, we need to ignore her. Whether or not she is in New Hampshire really wasn't that newsworthy if it's the same day that Mitt Romney was there to announce his presidential campaign. Why was it treated

Let her participate in the public

This election is far too important to waste by covering Palin instead of the actual candidates. Perhaps all the Palin-related coverage is because the Republican field currently looks like it may end up being one of the weakest ever, but that's no excuse for covering her instead of the actual candidates. Trust me if we really need to make fun of anyone, Rick Santorum should provide plenty of material. Dan Savage already proved that with his promotion of the new definition of

'santorum.' I don't know if it's a desperate attempt to gain ratings by stealing some of Palin's star power, but it's something that needs to stop. There are too many important things going on in the world to cover Sarah Palin any more than absolutely necessary — to do otherwise would be an abuse of the power that the media has been entrusted with.

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EDITORIAL BOARD: EDITORIAL STAFF THOUGHTS ON A WEEKLY TOPIC

How did the transition and move from home to K-State affect you?

"It was a wake-up call coming

from a town of 1,000 to a

campus of 23,000. I think the

move helped me realize how

little I actually know about the

world."

"I don't talk to or see my family as much. It definitely helped me grow up and become more outgoing. The move didn't affect me as much as the activities I've been involved in."

Rachel Spicer

"I am the first person in my family to get a college degree so my first visit to K-State was like walking on the moon.

I realized right away this was going to change my life forever."

> **Mary Shirk** managing editor

Rachel Urban managing copy editor

"I'm still not used to K-State. I'm too old and poor to fit in with anybody here. I maintain my grip on sanity with beer and video games."

Karen Ingram news editor, opinion editor "My freshman year of college was in New York City, so I went from one Manhattan to another. They don't have too much in common besides the name, so I had to adjust quite a bit."

people decide that should

she choose to actually run for

office, any office at all. Until

and decides to do something

newsworthy, the media needs

to stop covering her. If Palin

runs for president, fine, treat

her like any other candidate.

Palin becomes a candidate

Joshua Madden edge editor, online editor

"Because I came from out of state, my transition to K-State made me mature a lot faster than a lot of my friends. K-State and Manhattan became my new home because I couldn't go back to my Texas home except for on holidays. '

> Lauren Gocken photo editor

River Festival gets funky



George Clinton and the Parliamentary Funkadelic perform in the Bicentennial Center at the Smoky Hill River Festival Saturday evening. This was the 35th annual festival held in Salina.

Artist's work focuses on fellow artists

K-State News Services

Photographic portraits of artists and people with a connection to the arts, all taken by a former K-State professor of history, are featured in a new exhibition running June 17 to Oct. 18 at the Beach Museum of

"Makers Framed" fea-tures more than 100 photo-graphic portraits by George M. Kren, who taught at K-State from 1965 until retiring in 2000. Many of the subjects were from Kansas or the region. The exhibition is part of the Beach Museum's celebration of the Kansas sesquicenten-

For Kren, photography was an abiding passion that profoundly engaged him for nearly four decades, said Bill North, senior curator at the museum. As a child, Kren observed his father, a physician and serious amateur photographer, as he worked in his dark-room in the family's home. In 1967 Kren set up his own darkroom in the Manhattan home he shared with his wife, Margo, a professor of art at K-State. The darkroom became an important and permanent fixture in

the Kren home. Kren began taking portraits of artists or persons with some connection to project that would occupy him for the rest of his life. The portraits were the fruits

of a collaboration between photographer and spouse, as most of Kren's subjects were friends or acquaintances of his wife — people to whom she was connected through her work as an artist, a professor and a member of the Kansas City Artists Coalition. Many of the photographs were taken during day trips the couple made around the state and region; others were shot in the Krens' backyard.

photographic Kren's portraits are notable for their incisiveness, North said.

"Eschewing the obvious and contrived, Kren fixes his subjects as they are, not necessarily as they want to be seen. It is in the moments many would consider as falling between the frames, intervals during which a subject's veil of self-consciousness mentarily lifts, that Kren exposes something of their essence," North said.

Among Kren's subjects included in the exhibition are: Colette Bangert, Robert Brawley, Ronald Dicker-Christ, Betty Dickerson, Raymond Eastwood, Ann Evans, Terry Evans, Joan Foth, Saralyn Hardy, Don Lambert, Elizabeth 'Grandma" Layton, Denise Low, Andrea Norris, Mike Ott, Novelene Ross, Tom Saun-Russell, Reuben ders, Elizabeth Alan Shields, Roger Shimomura, Michael Sims,



Courtesy photo

Photos by George Kren include artist Michael Sims. Jan Weiner and Howard Wooden.

Born in Linz, Austria, Kren and his sister fled their native country for England in 1939 as part of the Kindertransport, the British movement that rescued Jewish children from Nazi Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland during the months preceding the outbreak of World War II. Soon afterward the Kren's parents escaped Austria on a ship bound for the United States by way of Africa. Kren, who was 12 at the time, and his 9-year-old sister spent a year living in England before being reunited with their parents in New York City.

Over the course of his career as a historian, Kren distinguished himself as an authority on the Holocaust and a pioneer in the field of psychohistory, a method using psychoanalytic theory in the writing of his-tory. Kren died in 2000. This October, the Beach

Museum will publish a book containing several essays on Kren's photog-raphy, full-page reproduc-tions of all the photographs included in the exhibition and biographical information on the subjects. Support for the project comes om Empris Arts Commission, K-State Academic Excellence and Margo Kren.

CITY COMMISSION

2012 budget discussions continue; water service cost increase likely

Mary Renee Shirk managing editor

Much of the City Commission's second work session dealing with the 2012 city budget was devoted to discussion of the financial arrangement between the city and the Riley County Police Department.

Currently the RCPD requests a certain amount of funds from tax revenues, but if those revenues are not collected, the city has been expected to make up the difference.

'Here's our budget and if we can't make it, you will make it up," city commissioner Rich Jankovich said of the RCPD arrangement.

The delinquency rate, or percentage of property tax income not collected, runs between three to 12 per-

They tell us what the budget is and we have to level the amount," city attorney William Frost said. "This issue is whether we are going to guarantee that funding."

A law board comprised of representatives from both the county and city governs the RCPD. Commissioner Wynn Butler said further communication with the law board is needed.

The commission plans to revisit the discussion of how to handle a property tax shortfall should the board be unable to come up with a solution.

The RCPD budget for 2012 is

\$13,054,500, which is a large portion of the total proposed city budget of \$24,813,599.

A 3 percent shortfall in funding of the RCPD due to delinquencies could have serious consequences for the city.

"What cuts would there have to be if we can't get this from the law board?" commissioner John Matta said.

The rate of delinquencies of taxes due to the city and how the city handles the shortfall of those funds can also affect the mill levy and city reserves.

The 2012 city budget includes RCPD, the Manhattan Fire Department, the public library, parks and recreation, utilities, public works and many other programs.

The 2011 projections indicated revenue would exceed expenses by 25 percent, a good sign for the city. The 2012 budget reflects a 7.4 percent increase from last year but is offset by increase in other revenues and a small increase in property taxes

Some of the budget increase includes the cost of staffing two new fire stations and the Flint Hills Discovery

No new property tax is anticipated for the Discovery Center's operational

The majority of operation costs for the center have come from the 1 percent transient guest tax charged to hotel and motel guests. In 2012, the center will receive the equivalent of a 2 percent tax with the other 1 percent from the Convention and Visitors Bureau budget funds.

The total current transient guest tax rate charged in Manhattan is 6 percent, the same as in Olathe, and in the mid-range of guest taxes charged in other Kansas cities.

The Discovery Center has a smaller footprint than other museums and admission fees with be lower than other museums in Kansas. The 2012 earning projections for the center include \$295,500 in admission fess and \$60,000 in gift shop revenues. The average ticket price will be \$6.50.

The 2012 Capital Improvements Project's budget has been reduced from that of 2011, but the change is mostly due to a one-time cost last year of \$23 million for a wastewater plant upgrade.

Among the CIP budget items are expanded parking at Manhattan Re-gional Airport. City manager Ron Fehr said there is a need to expand the parking and parking fees might be proposed to fund the lot, not in 2012, but perhaps in years in the future. There is currently no charge for park-

Water customers will likely see an increase in their bills in the next year.

The city is proposing a 5 percent increase in the storm water fee. A major reason for the increase is the projection of \$2.6 million in levee improvement to comply with the unfunded federal mandate of levee certification required by FEMA.

There may also be a 15 percent increase in wastewater fees. Fehr noted the increase was less than the 20 percent increase proposed last year.

There may potentially be a 7 percent increase in water fees. This will not affect the rates of most residential customers but will result in an

"What cuts would

there have to be

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increase for the city's larger water customers as a result of a change in water rate struc-

There are some proposed rate increases in costs to developers to establish water and utility lines.

John Matta John Matta Some citizens are City Commissioner concerned this new commission will cut and/or eliminate funding for some social services in Manhattan. The current commission has

> year's budget was decided. This commission clearly has different priorities from the last commission; they have overturned a anti-discrimination policy and a rental inspection program both passed by past commissioners. June 28 will be the third budget

> three new commissioners since last

work session and most of the meeting will be presentations from outside agencies for their 2012 budget Total budget requests from these

agencies, most of which provide social services, totals just under \$800,000. In the proposed budget these agencies are facing 12 percent in cuts. There are other issues the commis-

sion wants to take a closer look at in these budget sessions. Butler wants to look at the total cost of travel and mileage for city.

Commissioner Loren Pepperd asked about communication costs including two-way radios and cell phones for city employees.

There are five more meetings in the budget process which is scheduled to be completed August 16.

Rental scams occurring in Manhattan

The Riley County Police Department wants prospective renters to be aware of a rental property scam currently taking place in the Manhattan area.

The scam involves residential properties being posted on the Internet for rent at an extremely low

The way the scam works is once there is an interested party, an appointment is arranged at the property. An individual that is part of the scam will meet with the interested party and tell them that work is currently being done on the inside of the residence and they are unable to show them the inside at this time.

Robert Sudlow, Eldon Teft,

In some incidents, pictures of the interior of the houses are provided to the interested party. The individual involved in the scam will tell the interested party that there are several other parties interested in the property and that if they are interested in it they need to

The interested party will be told that the first month's rent is due before they will receive a key to the residence. The individual involved in the scam will have the interested party sign fictitious paperwork and take the interested party's money or check and inform them they will receive the key to the residence in the mail in

a few days The residences that are being used in these scams are houses that are for sale and are vacant, where the "For Sale" sign in the front of the residence has been

temporary removed, which makes this scam believable.

If you are currently looking for a residence to rent please be aware of the scam and verify the property is either owned or managed by the individual showing it to you.

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"I think I'll be pretty lonely I'll be an empty-nester. And more freedom too. I won't have to worry about who's taking care of him when I'm traveling."

Walter Woofter

our only child. It's great to watch them grow and make new friends; it's exciting and a bit sad."

"Empty-Nester. This is

Tom Bradley

"I'm going to be a wreck. She's my only daughter and I have two sons at home, so no more girl movies and girl time."

around to talk to." **Donna Noll**

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Tish Helfrich Pretty Prairie, KS

"I won't have my sound-

ing board for ideas.

It's time to see her fly,

but I'll miss having her

'SMART' SOFTWARE

Apple vs. Google: Battle for operating system supremacy

There are two types of people in the world today: those who have smartphones and those who want smartphones. If, for some odd reason, you don't fall into either category, you would be considered a resident of the Stone Age. Any smartphone, however, wouldn't be considered "smart" if it wasn't for the software that drove it. As far as cutting-edge technology goes, there are three main operating systems that dominate the smartphone market: Windows Phone 7 run by Microsoft, Android powered by Google/Linux, and iOS4

A potential smartphone customer, then, is faced with a momentous decision. Which operating system is the best? The following is a brief review of Android and i0S4 to see which one comes out on top. They will be graded on three main categories: ease of access/GUI (Graphic User Interface), music — because all smartphones are unofficially required to double as a backup portable music player — and apps, because there has to be an app for "that."

It is important to remember that regardless of how perfectly a piece of software may be written, it is only as fast and efficient as the hardware that it runs on. Android can be found on a large variety of products, on a varying number of different cellular device manufacturers with an ever-increasing range of hardware specs.

In other words, though an OS may run terribly on one phone, it may run very smoothly on a differ-ent phone due to different hardware from a different manufacturer. It is worth mentioning, then, that Apple has effectively done away with this problem by offering iOS4 on only one device, the iPhone 4. Whether that is a pro or con is for the public to decide.

ANDROID

Ease of Access/GUI:

Android (version 2.2) itself comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. Usually with five main, sidescrolling home screens, Android phones are significantly more customizing nificantly more customizable than many competitors, giving the user the ability to put any number and shape of widgets, apps or folders directly on any home screen. The apps screen opens from the bottom and presents all installed apps in a vertical scrolling grid or 3-D cube fashion, a new take on an old classic.

old classic. Powered by Google, Android is seamless in its connectedness to all of Google's rapidly increasing features. When setting up an Android phone, the user is encouraged to connect the entire phone to his or her Google account, which then automatically syncs contacts and Gmail. The biggest advantage An-

droid has over iOS4 is its Flash integration, which allows for animations and videos to play directly in the mobile browser. Additionally, though not quite of the same magnitude, the revolutionary new Skype keyboard is only available for download on Android devices. People only really complain about the relative complexity of Android's GUI.

Apps: The constantly growing Android market has swift-Android market has swift-ly caught up with Apple's iTunes market, though in the games department iTunes has the advantage of being an old-timer with a wider selection of mobile games. Most of the apps found in iTunes can now be found in Android as well, and some apps are free only in the Android market. Though some helpful apps are missing the market, Android is really only behind because it arrived a little bit later.



courtesy photo

Music:

Android/Google still doesn't have a first-party music application for easy syncing between desk-top and mobile, which means users must find a third-party music app for the phone, then use a file manager to find and dragand-drop their music onto their phone, which is quite a bit more time-intensive and annoying. As with all technology, however, this is subject to change.

Apple iOS42

Ease of Access/GUI:

As expected, iOS4 is simply a newer, more feature-packed version of a classic bestseller. Apple is all about simplicity. The home screen is the app screen, and there is only one hard button that does one hard button that does everything. With a new, creative way to organize apps, users can make personalized 'drawers' in which to put similarly categorized apps right on the home screen(s). Third-party app multitasking is now available, though it's not quite complete.

Background apps aren't just given free-roam, they have to play by Apple's rules. ITunes integration is flawless, naturally, and the whole OS seems very minimalistic, sleek and wellrefined. As mentioned before, Apple doesn't support Flash, which can be a big

Music/Apps:

ITunes is the No. 1 media player and is the world's largest online media store. According to apple.com, "If it makes you want to sing, dance, listen, watch, or play, it's most definitely on iTunes."



WINNER

Android has come very far very quickly and contains some key ingredients to a world-class smartphone – namely Flash and Skype.

However, in comparison, iOS4 is simply easier. Settings, in-app menus, iTunes and third-party multitasking are all well-integrated. Nearly everything Android has to offer is essentially

available in iOS4 at the click of a button. For this round, iOS4 is the winner. However, much of this is subject to change in the near future. Who knows what may happen in the next round.

Smartphones' geotagging feature causes potential privacy issues

Andy Rao

Nowadays, it seems like almost everyone has the latest phone, whether it is Apple's new iPhone 5, Microsoft's HTC line or Verizon's Droid. These new phones, dubbed as "smartphones," are not only aesthetically pleasing — the LCD touch screens produce crystal clear images and ultimate usability - they also come equipped with a range of features from WiFi connectivity to various mobile apps. Now everyday tasks such as transferring money in your bank accounts, posting a Facebook or Twitter message or even

buying your daily Starbucks revealing sensitive informa-can all be done from your tion. smartphone.

But how smart is too smart? Despite all of the convenience that the line of smartphones brings to users, certain aspects of the innovative phones have created recent cause for concern regarding privacy and security.

A feature called "geotagging" is especially alarming. According to a 2010 article from the New York Times entitled "Web Photos That Reveal Secrets, Like Where You Live," geotagging can enable people from all over the world to see the exact coordinate locations at which pictures were taken,

Adam Savage, host of the popular Discovery Channel show "Mythbusters," encountered issues with geotagging recently after taking a picture of his house and car on his smartphone and posting it on Twitter. Though Savage had not intentionally given any indication of where he resided, the coordinates of his home were linked to the picture, potentially putting him in danger.

What users must realize is that smartphones are much more than phones. They run many of the same operating systems as computers and they are susceptible to many

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of the same attacks. Contrary to popular belief, smartphones are not impervious to viruses or information theft and they are getting more and more accessible as they become more widely used.

"I can listen to all of your corporate meetings where trade secrets are released. I know where you are all the time," said Jeffrey Bickford, a software researcher at Rutgers University, in a Feb. 22, 2010, article on LiveScience.com. "In the future, when smartphones are ubiquitous and everyone has them, they can be particu-

larly dangerous." The fact is that the future Bickford described is impending. Gartner, a technology research firm based in Connecticut has predicted that by 2013, there will be 1.82 billion smartphones and other webenabled phones in circulation in the world.

Considering all of this information, it is essential that you protect yourself. If your wireless device can access the Internet, the Internet can access you, which isn't always good news.

While using personal information on your phone, be sure to wipe away any usernames or passwords that you entered. This is a basic safety precaution that can help deter attacks on things like Facebook, email,

school accounts and even banking and financial information.

Be aware of your surroundings while taking pictures or revealing your location, es-pecially on social networking websites. The geotags that reveal the location coordinates can display sensitive information that you probably do not want to share with the whole world. Since these websites are accessible to virtually everybody who has Internet access, posting pictures of your belongings, your home and your friends and family could potentially put people at risk. By

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'Archer' voice debuts Comedy Central show

Comedians engage in pranks, sketches in 'Jon Benjamin Has A Van'

Joshua Madden

When asked where he was filming his new sketch-comedy show "Jon Benjamin Has A Van," H. Jon Benjamin said that while most of the filming was in Los Angeles and New York City, "we did a portion of it on the moon, it's cheaper to shoot there."

The show features Benjamin — who is perhaps most known for his voice work on the shows "Archer," where he voices the title character, and "Family Guy," — and comedian Leo Allen as they engage in pranks and sketches. Allen, who is known for his work with Eric Slovin in the comedy duo "Slovin and Allen," joined the writing team of the show after being invited by Benjamin.

"I split them up, it was time," Benjamin said, before qualifying it by joking that the reason he picked Allen to join the team "was just a matter of what bar I was ́at."

Benjamin said the prank pieces were the foundation of the show, but through the writing process, the show became more narrativeoriented and he believes the show is best described as a

"We sort of designed the show when we started working on it...It became this sort of Frankenstein-like thing in that we would put together over time and it would change over that period of time," Benjamin said. "It became sort of a melange, can you write that?"

Allen and Benjamin originally made a pilot that involved two of the elements that are still in the show pranks and fake news stories and that pilot was pitched to Comedy Central, which Benjamin had worked with

previously as part of the cast on the show "Important Things with Demetri Martin."

Benjamin joked that his work with Martin "showed that cameras can film me without breaking" and speculated that his experience on "Important Things" was part of the reason that Comedy Central was willing to work with him on "Jon Benjamin Has A Van."

Benjamin emphasized the fact that "Jon Benjamin Has A Van" is different from other shows on Comedy Central.

"It's hard to 'do political humor on Comedy Central because 'The Daily Show' and 'The Colbert Report' and 'South Park' do such a good job," Benjamin said. "This is a pretty a-political show."

Benjamin also differentiated the show from other sketch comedy shows. He said "Jon Benjamin Has A Van" does not have much of a resemblance to "Tim and Eric Awesome Show Great Job" although they did share a

production company and the two did make appearances in some episodes.

In reply to a question about how he was feeling on the day before the show went to air, Benjamin said, "I like good feedback and I dislike poor feedback. I'd be less excited if everyone hates it."

Katie Kowal, senior in management information systems, said she had not heard about the show "Jon Benjamin Has A Van" but that she was familiar with Benjamin from his voice work on "Family Guy."

Kowal said she would be interested in finding out more about the show.

"But I probably watch too much TV as it is," Kowal said. Benjamin offered some advice for those looking to get into writing comedy.

"It's pretty easy to get involved in it," Benjamin said. You go to Harvard, you join the Lampoon and you're a writer. That's not the only way. You could maybe go to Yale, or Stanford or K-State."

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turning off these options, you can utilize another safeguard to attacks.

Fortunately, there are initiatives being taken by tech-savvy individuals in order to help warn and educate the public about these dangers.

One example ICanStalkU.com developed by security consultants Larry Pesce and Ben Jackson, which simplifies the security explanation for all smartphones and helps people understand the dangers of geotagging and other security discrepancies in their wireless devices. By visiting their website, you can see step-by-step directions on how to disable geotagging.

Smartphones are considered a great innovation by most because of the conveniences they have brought into peoples' lives. The world is at your fingertips; simply log-on on the go and you can control everything from the palm of your hand.

Keep in mind, however, that everyone can access you as well. If you are not careful, your privacy, sensitive information and even your location can be compromised. Protect yourself, preserve your privacy and control your life without letting your smartphone control you.

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Pilots to compete in Air Race Classic

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Twenty-three hundred nautical miles. Fifty teams. Four days. Two young women. An opportunity of a lifetime.

Megan Henderson and Nicole Lordemann are preparing for the ultimate summer adventure that two female pilots could dream of: Air Race Classic 2011.

Both women will begin their junior year in K-State Salina's professional pilot program in the fall. This summer they join a tradition more than 80 years old when they and 103 other female pilots take to the skies June 21.

"The experience will be the chance of a lifetime, and I have a competitive nature," Henderson said. "Nicole was just as excited to compete as I was when I asked if she would compete with me."

'The Air Race Classic is a wonderful opportunity to network and meet other female pilots, as well as build my flying experience outside the Kansas borders," Lordemann said.

The Air Race Classic honors a tradition that began with the First Women's Air Derby in 1929. Over the years the race has changed names and scoring methods, and the contestants follow a different route each year.

The race begins at 8 a.m. June 21, in Iowa City, Iowa. Racers have through June 24, to finish the race in Mobile, Ala., and must stop at checkpoints in Brookings, S.D.; Jamestown, N.D.; Spearfish, S.D.; Rawlins, Wyo.; Alliance, Neb.; Great Bend, Kan.; Borger, Texas; Norman, Okla.; and El Dorado, Ark.

In the current format racers are given four days to complete all 10 legs of the race following visual flight rules. That means they can fly only when the conditions are clear enough for the pilots to see where the aircraft is going. The pilots try to play the elements by waiting for better weather or

Planes are assigned a handicap speed, and the pilots' goal is to have their actual ground speed be as far over the handicap speed as possible. Women can compete with airplanes ranging from 145 to 570



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Nicole Lordemann, left, and Megan Henderson, right, sit in the cockpit of the Cessna Skyhawk 172 that they will fly in Air Race Classic 2011, June 21-24.

horsepower, so the handicapping system lets each team race within the capabilities of their plane. It's possible that the last plane to cross the finish line will win the race.

A few things have stayed the same, however. The race is open to pilots of all ages as long as they're female. And everyone is trying to win.

"Things are going to be very fast-paced, and we are going to have to make 'go' and 'no go' decisions," Lordemann said. "I'm excited to work as a team to decide things such as the best altitude to fly at to get a tailwind, should we go even though the weather looks like it is closing in, whether we'll have enough fuel, and what to do if things don't go as expected."

Henderson and Lordemann will compete in a Cessna Skyhawk 172 equipped with a Garmin G1000 avionics system.

"We chose this aircraft because we will be able to use it to help us navigate," Henderson said. "The G1000 will show us how

much fuel we are burning per hour and also how much fuel is left."

Lordemann said another useful characteristic of the G1000 is that it shows which direction the wind is coming from and what angle to fly at to keep the plane on course and in a straight line.

"This will be important during the race because your scores will depend on your leg time, and if you are able to find a good tailwind you will have a better time," Lordemann said.

The duo has had help from two other women who know exactly what they are going through. Robin Laws, Wichita, and Nikki Gaskins, Salina, competed in the Air Race Classic themselves while students at K-State Salina.

In addition to providing advice and practicing scenarios with Lordemann and Henderson, Laws and Gaskins have set up a blog for the students so they can provide updates as the competition progresses. The blog is available at http:// ksuarc.blogspot.com.

Henderson and Lordemann said they wouldn't have been able to compete without the help of several other people, too.

"We are both very thankful for all of the help we have received," Henderson said. 'We've had a lot of support from Jan Burton and the Conner Burton Aviation Foundation, our instructors and Kathy Sanders in the dean's office. Mike Wise, senior aviation manager, and the K-State aviation maintenance crew have all been wonderful."

"Kurt Barnhart, head of the aviation department, got us in contact with a previous racer he knew" Lordemann "The maintenance team has helped us prepare the plane and make sure all the records and inspections are up to date. Troy Brockway, associate professor of aviation, gave us some instruction on mountain flying, which we will use when we are flying through Wyoming."

More information about the race can be found at www.airraceclassic.org.

Books to Hollywood

Children's books have long been fodder for Hollywood, with "Mr. Popper's Penguins" the latest children's story getting a silverscreen version.

But do movies based on children's books live up to the print versions?

Not always, according to two K-State children's literature experts who say key details are often changed in hopes of turning a page-turner into a blockbuster.

"My biggest concern when a children's book is made into a movie is that the essence of what made the book a success will be lost in translation," said Anne Phillips, associate professor of English, who teaches courses in children's literature.

"Generally, the studios want a well-known actor to play one of the roles so that they can obtain funding for the project. An example is when Dame Maggie Smith was cast as the housekeeper in 'The Secret Garden.' The script was then adapted to give her more to do. All of a sudden the project changed because of adult casting," Phillips said.

Naomi Wood, associate professor of English who also teaches several children's literature courses, said how the plot is treated is key.

"It's not unusual for distinctive aspects of the text to be erased in favor of a generic approach to plot, characterization, etc.," Wood said. "For example, the protago-nist of 'Holes' — written by Louis Sachar — was overweight, but movies often replace such characters with conventionally attractive child actors."

A slim Shia LaBeouf in the case of the movie version of "Holes."

But Phillips said sometimes the movie version of a children's book can introduce new elements or characters that enhance the

"Í taught the graduate seminar Film Adaptations of Children's Classics a few years ago and one of my favorite teaching experiences was 'Babe: The Sheep Pig' by Dick King-Smith. It's a good book, but it's a wonderful film," Phillips said. "The filmmakers created an additional character and enhanced the character arcs and plot; additionally, they took such care with the tone and details. It's a spot-on adaptation one my students very much admired."

"My students also felt, as a whole, that Walter Farley's 'The Black Stallion' was an OK book, but the film based on it is spectacular. They especially appreciated the director's willingness to respect the silences of the text, especially in the sequences where Alec and The Black have been shipwrecked on the island at the

beginning of the film."
Both Phillips and Wood say it's personal preference on whether a child should see the movie first or read the book first.

"I suspect that a number of young readers have become more interested in books such as Rick Riordan's 'The Lightning Thief' and its sequels because they have seen the film," Phillips said. "On the other hand, it can be more of a successful experience to read the book before seeing the film. My son enjoyed 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' in book form before seeing the films. In the latter case, he wasn't afraid of anything in the film because he had already experienced the book version - which is less frightening, particularly in its characterization of the monkeys and the Wicked Witch of the Ŵest."

Reading the book first also can help young audiences more easily deal with the different interpretations of the story found in multiple film or stage versions, such as the different film versions of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Phillips said.

Wood prefers reading the book before seeing the movie. She also calls the first "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" movie superior to the book.

One book in Phillips view that hasn't fared well on the silver screen is Dodie Smith's "The One Hundred and One Dalmatians."

The animated Disney feature is cute but it eviscerates the plot," she said. "The live action 'Dalmatian' films are pretty dreadful and they have no real interest in the

But Phillips calls the book detailed, complex and surprising.

"In the movies I miss the complicated gender issues of the text and the excitement of identifying the 101st Dalmatian, which occurs in the last chapter of the novel. None of the films bother with these details," she said.

Comparing books and their film versions is useful in the classroom, whether working with graduate students or preschoolers, Phillips said. It also can be fun for parents and children.

"Students can see similarities and differences, and they develop more specific opinions about both versions," she said. "It's also great fun to experience the text whether book or film — as a class or as a family. The studios know that books with a history of being beloved or notable are films that adults will want to introduce to their children."

The power to do more

TRACK **Teams** finish in Top 20

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ensure he scored enough points in the 1,500 to remain in the top eight and earn points toward K-State's team total. Texas' Isaac Murphy made a push to surpass Cleve on the standings, but Cleve was able to run just fast enough to hold off Murphy by 32 points and finish eighth for the Wildcats.

Cleve's score was just 99 points shy of his point total in 2009 when he finished ninth a testament to how strong the field was in this year's decathlon. Cal's Michael Morrison won the decathlon with his score of 8,118 points, and Duke's Curtis Beach finished second with 8,084 points. Beach highlighted the final event as he ran the second-fastest time in a decathlon 1,500 meters in history crossing the line in 3:59.13.

Also an example of the depth of the meet, the last time someone with a score of more than 7,800 points finished eighth at the NCAA Championship in the decathlon was 1992.

"Moritz did a great job of competing and hanging tough in rough conditions and in a remarkable field of collegiate decs," Rovelto said. "Probably the second-best collegiate decathlon ever in terms of quality

depth." The Wildcats return to action with two athletes competing Saturday. Jeffrey Julmis runs in the final of the men's 110-meter hurdles where he finished fifth last year. He ran a school record 13.50 seconds in the semifinal on Thursday. Martina Tresch also looks to score in the final of the women's 3,000 meter steeplechase after also running a personal record in the semi-

Entering the championship meet, K-State was one of 14 schools to have both its men's and women's programs ranked in the Top 25. The men scored 16 points for a tie in 16th place and the women tallied 19 points, finishing 13th. The last time both teams finished in the Top 25 was 1999 when both teams tied for 24th. It also marks the first time both K-State track and field teams have finished in the Top 20 in the same year.

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